



Primary P5,6 & 7 Newsletter: Term 2 2020-2021

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Welcome to our termly "Class Newsletter" which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to another fun filled term at Auchnagatt, with all of the craziness that this term brings. I hope you have all had a fantastic break and are ready to face whatever challenges come our way over the next couple of months. I am excited to discover what amazing work can be produced here in the upper school and will look forward to sharing this with you.

During the first week back we have been focussing on Health and Wellbeing, discussing safety, the hazardous, risky or dangerous situations we may find ourselves in and exploring basic first aid. We have also been reaffirming our daily routines, with emphasis on hygiene rules within the class and around the school.

Despite the weather at this time of year, I still aim to take the opportunity to provide outdoor learning as much as possible. Please ensure the children have suitable clothing and shoes to allow them to enjoy this experience.

House Captain Elections

I am delighted to confirm the elected members of each house for the coming year. Well done to all of those who took part, as the results were very close:

Braeside: Sam – Captain, Tyler – Vice Captain
Clochan: Greg – Captain, Max – Vice Captain
Knaven: Jack – Captain, Cara – Vice Captain
Savoch: James – Captain, Ava – Vice Captain

Spelling: The homework books have now been returned to complete the spelling tasks each week and once again I am pleased with the response on this. We have had some fantastic results over the last term, which is a testament to the work being done in class and at home. Please aim to pop a comment on Google Classroom, so that I know you have been spending time doing this.

Reading: We are working hard on finishing our current class novel, however please encourage reading of a variety of texts at home. Once a week the class has an opportunity to use the school library, so we will continue to encourage them to do so.

History: After an enjoyable term discovering new countries around the world, the class are moving on to investigate the Ancient Greeks, with an exciting programme planned involving some theory and interesting crafts to be produced.

Topic: The topic we have chosen to explore this term involves plants and animals, with the class identifying their own fantastic title in "Living Organisms." We will be researching animals from their communication through to their survival or extinction. There will also be an emphasis on the lifestyles of plants, with the class being tasked to create their own mini gardens.

Writing: Our writing this term will have a persuasive emphasis, as we use our topic to consider the current problems in our society identified in recent programmes with David Attenborough. We will aim to write a letter to a relevant celebrity with the points that we wish to raise.

Maths/Numeracy: While continuing our focus on times tables recall and place value, I aim to use our time to explore money, carrying on with our recent decimal work. As much as we can provide the theory, please feel free to use money in a practical sense to support the learning of this, if they have earned their pocket money that is! Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to improve understanding of this topic and I would encourage your child to spend a minimum of 10mins most days on this to expand their knowledge.

French: I will continue teaching French on a Friday afternoon, with an initial recap and continuing with the previous work that has been achieved. Please have a look at the following suggestions for language websites:

BBC Bitesize – a selection of clips on a variety of topics Second Level P5 – 7:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z2mxsbk>

Light Bulb Languages – a mass of teacher resources:
<http://www.lightbulblanguages.co.uk/resources-primary.htm>